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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) issued the following statement regarding the implementation of Medicare Part D – the new Medicare prescription drug benefit – and Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt’s visit to Sacramento with the Medicare mobile office.

“Seniors need real assistance with the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, unfortunately the legislation that will go into effect at the end of this year – Medicare Part D – fails to address this problem. I continue to have serious concerns about the new Medicare Part D – the prescription drug benefit – as the program created is not one I support, but it is what we have to work with. In light of this, I would urge all seniors to do their research and be very thoughtful about the prescription drug program in which they enroll.

“Additionally, if seniors are unsure or need additional information they can contact my office at 916-498-5600 and there are also organizations that can assist, like the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. HICAP has people trained to aid seniors on the Medicare Part D. They can be reached at 916-231-5110 or online at www.calmedicare.org.”

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